

Introduction

The SCD package is a set of programs and files that supports the maintenance of a local and National Registry for the care and tracking of patients with a spinal cord dysfunction. It also provides clinical and administrative reports for medical center use.

It provides data extracts for uploading to the National Registry. This registry is centralized and is used to provide VA-wide review of patient demographics, clinical aspects of disease, and resource utilization involved in providing care to patients.

The package uses an HL7 interface to transmit comprehensive data from the SCD (Spinal Cord) Registry file (#154) and from the Functional Status file (#154.1) to a National SCD Registry database.

Various report options list new registrants, applications for inpatient care, discharges, and patients who have not been seen at the medical center for a specified length of time. They track the utilization of medical resources used during treatment.

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MENU OPTION ASSIGNMENT

Spinal Cord Dysfunction Menu

The Spinal Cord Dysfunction [SPN MAIN MENU] menu is the main menu for the package and should be assigned to the ADPAC for the package. It contains the SCD Package Management Menu which is used in the set up and maintenance of the software and the SCD Coordinator Menu for the end users. For detail on the SCD Coordinator Menu, see the SCD User Manual.

SCD Coordinator Menu

The SCD Coordinator Menu [SPNL COORDINATOR] should be assigned to the end users who input patient data.

SCD PACKAGE MANAGEMENT MENU

The SCD Package Management Menu [SPNL MANAGEMENT] contains the ability to edit site parameters, inactivate and/or delete records.

The ADPAC for this software should exercise the Edit Site Parameters option in this menu and review the other options for future use and maintenance of the package.

- Edit Site Parameters [SPNL PARAMETERS]: This option is used to update the Site Parameter file. It is important to note that the Facility Number is not available for editing within the Edit Site Parameters option. Changes to the Facility Number can only be made through the Kernel package. If you used the previous version of this software, there should be no reason to edit this option. However, it is recommended that you check the entries for each field.

F/U RPT (LAST SEEN) PERIOD: This is the time period that the Follow Up (Last Seen) report uses. Patients who haven't been seen for this period of time will be displayed in the report. The entry must be nnnD (days), nnW (weeks), nnM (months), or nY (years), where n is a number. For example: 180D is 180 days, 6M is 6 months.

F/U RPT (LAST PHY EXAM) PERIOD: This is the time period that the Follow Up (Last Physical Exam) report uses. Patients who haven't had a physical exam for this period of time will be displayed in the report. The entry must be nnnD (days), nnW (weeks), nnM (months), or nY (years), where n is a number. For example: 180D is 180 days, 6M is 6 months.

- Activate an SCD Registrant [SPNL INPUT ACTIVATE]: This option will Activate an existing registrant in the SCD (Spinal Cord) Registry file (#154). A screen is in place so only those patients that currently have a status of Inactive are selected.
- Delete Functional Status Record [SPNF FIM DELETE]: This option allows a user to delete a record from the Functional Status file (#154.1). Once a record has been deleted, it cannot be recovered!
- Delete Registry Record [SPNL REGISTRY DELETE]: This option allows a user to delete a record from the SCD (Spinal Cord) Registry file (#154). Once a record has been deleted, it cannot be recovered!
- Enter/Edit Etiology SYNONYM [SPNL ETIOLOGY SYN EDIT]: This option allows the user to enter and edit new or existing Synonyms for a given Etiology (Cause of SCD).
- Inactivate an SCD Registrant [SPNL INPUT INACTIVATE]: This option will Inactivate an existing registrant in the SCD (Spinal Cord) Registry file (#154). A screen is in place so only those patients who currently have a status of Active are selected.

SECURITY KEYS

See Security Keys in the next chapter, Security. There were no changes to the security keys for those sites who used the previous version of the software. Only new users need to be assigned security keys.

DISK STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

Disk storage is expected to be nominal. No site is expected to require more than a megabyte of storage for the SCD package.

Current estimates indicate approximately 150 bytes per Registry record and 100 bytes per Functional Status record. The reference file storage is estimated at approximately 50 K bytes.

NAMESPACE

The package uses the namespace SPN.

FILE NUMBERS

Files for the package are numbered from 154 - 154.94.

REPORT FILTERS

Report filters screen the files for patients you want to see in reports. You will find Up Front Filters used in the Filtered Reports menu.

Select SCD Reports Menu Option: **FIL** Filtered Reports

Up Front Filters:

SCI Network Status

- A) SCI Network
- B) Non-SCI Network
- C) Both A and B

Select SCI Network: **A** SCI Network

Registration Status

- A) SCD-Currently served
- B) SCD-Not Currently served
- C) Both A&B
- D) Not SCD
- E) Expired

Select Registration Status: **A** SCD-Currently served

ADH	SCD Ad Hoc Reports ...
BRK	Breakdown of Patients
CI	Current Inpatients
FIM	Clinical Functional Measures
FULP	Follow-Up (Last Physical Exam)
FULS	Follow-Up (Last Seen)
HS	Health Summary
IOA	Inpatient/Outpatient Activity
IOAS	Inpatient/Outpatient Activity (Specific)
LNS	New SCI/SCD Patients
ML	Mailing labels
MS	MS (Kurtzke) Measures
OUT	Outcomes
PL	Patient Listing
PLSC	Patient Listing (Sort by State and County)
RGR	Registrant General Report
RIR	Registrant Injury Report
SELF	Self Reported Functional Measures
UTL	Utilization Reports ...

Select Filtered Reports Option: **ADH** SCD Ad Hoc Reports

FUN	SCD Ad hoc report for Functional Measures
REG	SCD Ad hoc report for Registry

Select SCD Ad Hoc Reports Option: **FUN** SCD Ad hoc report for Functional Measures

Some reports, not all of them, also have Automatic Filters such as the SCD Ad hoc report for Functional Measures. Note also the User Selectable Filters. Both are shown in the example here:

Automatic Filters:

Cause of Injury:

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T) Traumatic
N) Non-traumatic
U) Unknown
Select Cause: Traumatic
Extent of Injury:
P) Paraplegia
Q) Quadriplegia
B) Both
Select Injury: Both
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User Selectable Filters:
Select Filter: ??

Choose from:

- AGE
- COUNTY
- DIAGNOSIS
- FEE BASIS
- GEOGRAPHICAL AREA
- HOURS OF HELP NEEDED
- IMPAIRMENTS
- IN/OUT PATIENT VISIT
- MEDICATIONS
- NEUROLOGICAL LEVEL OF INJURY
- PROSTHETICS
- RACE
- REGISTRATION STATUS
- SERVICE CONNECTION
- SEX
- TOTAL FIMS CHANGE OVER TIME
- VITAL STATUS
- WALK / WHEELCHAIR

You may add more Up Front and/or Automatic Filters to those exported with the software if you have access to the Enter or Edit File Entries option in VA FileMan. Here's an example of adding Age to the Up Front Filters and Sex to the Automatic Filters. Note the Upfront and Automatic Filter Display Order fields. They only accept a unique filter display order ("1" and "2" are used by the exported filters).

Select OPTION: **ENTER OR EDIT FILE ENTRIES**

INPUT TO WHAT FILE: SCD FILTER// **<RET>**

EDIT WHICH FIELD: ALL// ??

Choose from:

.01	NAME
.02	SEARCH CRITERIA TEST
.03	SEARCH CRITERIA PARAMETERS
.04	AUTOMATIC FILTER DISPLAY ORDER
.05	UPFRONT FILTER DISPLAY ORDER
1	FILTER DESCRIPTION (word-processing)

FOLLOW A FIELD NAME WITH ';' "CAPTION" TO HAVE THE FIELD ASKED AS
'CAPTION: '

OR WITH ';' T TO USE THE FIELD 'TITLE' AS CAPTION

EDIT WHICH FIELD: ALL// **.05** UPFRONT FILTER DISPLAY ORDER

THEN EDIT FIELD: **.04** AUTOMATIC FILTER DISPLAY ORDER

THEN EDIT FIELD: <RET>

Select SCD FILTER NAME: ??

Choose from:

AGE
COUNTY
DIAGNOSIS
EXTENT OF INJURY
FEE BASIS
GEOGRAPHICAL AREA
HOURS OF HELP NEEDED
IMPAIRMENTS
IN/OUT PATIENT VISIT
MEDICATIONS
NEUROLOGICAL LEVEL OF INJURY
PROSTHETICS
RACE
REGISTRATION STATUS
SCD REGISTRATION STATUS
SCI NETWORK
SERVICE CONNECTION
SEX
TOTAL FIMS CHANGE OVER TIME
TYPE OF CAUSE
VITAL STATUS
WALK / WHEELCHAIR

This field contains the external name of the search variable that the user will see.

Select SCD FILTER NAME: **age**

UPFRONT FILTER DISPLAY ORDER: ??

Upfront filter display order will be a number value that will tell what filter is to be displayed in what order.

UPFRONT FILTER DISPLAY ORDER: 1??

Type a Number between 1 and 999999, 0 Decimal Digits

UPFRONT FILTER DISPLAY ORDER: 2??

Type a Number between 1 and 999999, 0 Decimal Digits

UPFRONT FILTER DISPLAY ORDER: 3

AUTOMATIC FILTER DISPLAY ORDER: <RET>

Select SCD FILTER NAME: **sex**

UPFRONT FILTER DISPLAY ORDER: <RET>

AUTOMATIC FILTER DISPLAY ORDER: 3

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Now let's see what this looks like.

Filtered Reports

Up Front Filters:

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Select SCI Network: **A** SCI Network

Registration Status

- A) SCD-Currently served
- B) SCD-Not Currently served
- C) Both A&B
- D) Not SCD
- E) Expired

Select Registration Status: **A** SCD-Currently served

Age range start value: **18**

Age range end value: **35**

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- U) Unknown

Select Cause: **t** Traumatic

Extent of Injury:

- P) Paraplegia

Q) Quadriplegia
B) Both
Select Injury: **b** Both
Patient sex: **f** FEMALE

User Selectable Filters: **<RET>**

When should you add filters to the reports? When your users become familiar with the reports as exported, ask them:

What do you require frequently for every report?

And, what do you use frequently as a User Selectable Filter?

If after creating the filters, the users feel they only "get in the way", you may delete them by removing the data from the Upfront/Automatic Filter Display Order field.

Security

Menu Management

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Security Keys

There are two security keys. They have not changed from the previous version, so only new users will require the assignment of keys.

SPNL SCD PTS	This key protects access to options with identifiable patient data. All users who enter and edit data should have this key.
SPNL SCD MGT	This key permits access to the menu SPNL MANAGEMENT from which package operations management (site parameters, task scheduling) may be accomplished. Assign this key to DHCP users (ADPACs) responsible for managing the operation of the local Spinal Cord Dysfunction package processes.
SPNL SCD MAIL	Note: This key will be removed with the next version.

File Security

#	File Name	DD	RD	WR	DEL	LAYGO	AUDIT
154	SCD (Spinal Cord) Registry	@					#
154.01	SCD NLOI CATEGORY	@		#	@	#	#
154.03	ETIOLOGY	@		#	@	#	#
154.1	FUNCTIONAL STATUS	@					#
154.11	FUNCTIONAL STATUS LEVEL	@		#	@	#	#
154.2	SCD KURTZKE-EDSS	@		#	@	#	#
154.8	AD HOC MACRO	@					#
154.9	PATIENT TRANSMISSION STATUS	@					#
154.91	SCD SITE PARAMETERS	@					#
154.92	SCD FILTER	@		#	@	#	#
154.93	CURRENT TRANSMISSION CYCLE	@					#
154.94	TRANSMISSION CYCLE HISTORY	@					#

Note: Files 154.9, 154.93, and 154.94 will be deleted in a future patch.

Routine List

SPNADF	INTERFACE FOR THE FUNCTIONAL STATUS FILE (#154.1)
SPNADF1	INTERFACE FOR THE FUNCTIONAL STATUS FILE (#154.1)
SPNADR	INTERFACE FOR THE SCD (SPINAL CORD) REGISTRY FILE (#154)
SPNADR1	INTERFACE FOR THE SCD (SPINAL CORD) REGISTRY FILE (#154)
SPNAHOC0	MAIN REPORT DRIVER
SPNAHOC1	SORT/PRINT SELECTION
SPNAHOC2	SORT FROM/TO SELECTION
SPNAHOC3	MACRO MANAGEMENT
SPNAHOC4	MACRO OUTPUT
SPNAHOC5	MISCELLANEOUS
SPNAHOCH	HELP TEXT
SPNAHOCV	MACRO EXPORT COMPILER
SPNAHOCW	MACRO EXPORT COMPILER
SPNAHOCX	INTERFACE COMPILER
SPNAHOCY	INTERFACE COMPILER
SPNAHOCZ	INTERFACE COMPILER
SPNCMR	LIST Chart/ID Band mark report
SPNCMR1	Find clinics and wards
SPNCMR2	This routine will find all valid patient
SPNCMR3	PATIENT CENSUS CALCULATION
SPNCMR5	PATIENT NOT ASKED ABOUT ALLERGIES
SPNFEDT0	FIM EDIT
SPNFEDT1	INPUT/OUTPUT PROCESS FOR SURVEY
SPNFEDT2	FIM EDIT UTILITIES
SPNFEDT3	INPUT/OUTPUT PROCESS FOR SURVEY (ROLL&SCROLL)
SPNFEDT4	INPUT/OUTPUT PROCESS FOR SURVEY (ROLL&SCROLL)
SPNFMENU	INPUT/OUTPUT PROCESS FOR SURVEY
SPNFPLT0	FIM SCORE REPORT
SPNFPLT1	FIM SCORE REPORT
SPNFSRV0	SCD REGISTRY VETERAN SURVEY SERVER
SPNFSRV1	SCD REGISTRY VETERAN SURVEY SERVER
SPNFSRV2	SCD REGISTRY VETERAN SURVEY SERVER
SPNFUTL0	FIM UTILITIES
SPNHS0	HEALTH SUMMARY: SCD EXTRACT
SPNHS1	HEALTH SUMMARY: SCD PRINT
SPNHS2	HS Component Installation Routine
SPNLCNTR	SCI Center indicator
SPNLCNV0	CONVERSION
SPNLCNV1	CONVERSION
SPNLEDT1	CLINICAL REGISTRATION MODULE
SPNLEDT2	Edits only non-clinical registration fields
SPNLENV	ENVIRONMENT CHECK ROUTINE
SPNLGE	SCD GATHER EXTRACTS FOR SHIPMENT
SPNLGEAA	RETRIEVE DATA FROM FILE 154
SPNLGECH	SCD GATHER LAB TEST (GENERAL) DATA
SPNLGEDM	SCD GATHER DEMOGRAPHICS DATA
SPNLGEFM	RETRIEVE DATA FROM FILE 154.1
SPNLGEIP	SCD GATHER INPATIENT ADMISSIONS DATA
SPNLGEOP	SCD GATHER OUTPATIENT DATA
SPNLGERA	SCD GATHER RADIOLOGY DATA
SPNLGERX	SCD GATHER OUTPATIENT PHARMACY DATA
SPNLGEUD	SCD GATHER UNIT DOSE DATA
SPNLGICI	SCD GATHER CURRENT INPATIENT DATA
SPNLGICP	SCD GATHER CURRENT PATIENT DATA
SPNLGIFU	SCD GATHER PATIENT FOLLOW-UP LOSS RISKS
SPNLGRCH	SCD GATHER LAB TEST (GENERAL) DATA

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SPNLGRIP	SCD GATHER INPATIENT ADMISSIONS DATA	
SPNLGROP	SCD GATHER OUTPATIENT DATA	
SPNLGRPS	SCD GATHER PATIENT STATISTICS DATA	
SPNLGRRR	SCD GATHER RADIOLOGY DATA	
SPNLGRRX	SCD GATHER OUTPATIENT PHARMACY DATA	
SPNLGSCH	SCD GATHER LAB TEST (SPECIFIC) DATA	
SPNLGSIP	SCD GATHER (SPECIFIC) INPATIENT ADMISSIONS DATA	
SPNLGSOP	SCD GATHER (SPECIFIC) OUTPATIENT DATA	
SPNLGSRX	SCD GATHER (SPECIFIC) OUTPATIENT PHARMACY DATA	
SPNLGU	SCD LOCAL GATHER UTILITIES	
SPNLGUCD	SCD PATIENT HASHING	
SPNLGUSN	SCD GATHER LAST SEEN	
SPNLPDM0	REGISTRY DUMP	
SPNLPIN	INPUT/OUTPUT PROCESS FOR REGISTRANT	Delete at Site
SPNLPRE1	PREINIT	
SPNLPST1	POST-INIT	
SPNLR	SCD REPORTS MAIN CONTROLLER	
SPNLR1	SCD SETUP FOR REPORTS	
SPNLRA	SCD CURRENT PATIENT REPORT	
SPNLRB	SCD PATIENT BREAKDOWN REPORT	
SPNLRB1	SCD PATIENT BREAKDOWN REPORT (PART 1 OF 1)	
SPNLRC	SCD CURRENT INPATIENT REPORT	
SPNLRD	SCD PATIENT FOLLOW-UP (LAST SEEN) REPORT	
SPNLRE	SCD PATIENT FOLLOW-UP (LAST PHYSICAL EXAM) REPORT	
SPNLRF	SCD PATIENT HEALTH SUMMARY	
SPNLRJ	SCD IP/OP REPORT CONTROLLER	
SPNLRJI	SCD IP/OP REPORT (PRINT IP)	
SPNLRJO	SCD IP/OP REPORT (PRINT OP)	
SPNLRK	SCD LAB TEST UTILIZATION REPORT	
SPNLRK1	SCD LAB TEST UTILIZATION REPORT (PART 1 OF 1)	
SPNLRRL	SCD PHARMACY UTILIZATION REPORT CONTROLLER	
SPNLRRL1	SCD PHARMACY UTILIZATION REPORT (PRINT PART 1 OF 3)	
SPNLRRL2	SCD PHARMACY UTILIZATION REPORT (PRINT PART 2 OF 3)	
SPNLRRL3	SCD PHARMACY UTILIZATION REPORT (PRINT PART 3 OF 3)	
SPNLRM	SCD RADIOLOGY UTILIZATION REPORT CONTROLLER	
SPNLRM1	SCD RADIOLOGY UTILIZATION REPORT (PRINT PART 1 OF 2)	
SPNLRM2	SCD RADIOLOGY UTILIZATION REPORT (PRINT PART 2 OF 2)	
SPNLRQ	SCD (SPECIFIC) IP/OP REPORT CONTROLLER	
SPNLRQI	SCD (SPECIFIC) IP/OP REPORT (PRINT IP)	
SPNLRQO	SCD (SPECIFIC) IP/OP REPORT (PRINT OP)	
SPNLRR	SCD SELECTED LAB TEST UTILIZATION REPORT	
SPNLRRL1	SCD LAB TEST UTILIZATION (SPECIFIC) REPORT (PART 1 OF 1)	
SPNLRSL	SCD (SPECIFIC) PHARMACY UTILIZATION REPORT CONTROLLER	
SPNLRSL1	SCD PHARMACY UTILIZATION (SPECIFIC) REPORT (PART 1 OF 1)	
SPNLRU	SCD UTILITIES FOR REPORT PRINTING	
SPNLRU1	REPORT PRINTING UTILITIES	
SPNLRUDT	SCD DATE UTILITIES	
SPNLS	EXTRACT CONTROL FOR LOCAL TO NATIONAL	
SPNLS1	CONTINUATION PARTS FROM SPNLS	
SPNLS2	INDIVIDUAL FULL HISTORY FORCED RE-SEND	
SPNLSCH	SCHEDULE NATIONAL REGISTRY EXTRACT	
SPNLSCRN	DISPLAY PATIENT DATA	
SPNLSPAR	SITE PARAMETERS EDIT	
SPNLUTL0	SCD REGISTRY FILE UTILITIES	
SPNLUTL1	SCD REGISTRY FILE UTILITIES	
SPNLXMD	LOAD RECORDS INTO MAIL AND SEND	
SPNNTEG	Package checksum checker	
SPNPATUL	Patient Select Utility	
SPNPPRE0	PRE PRINT ROUTINE	

SPNPRT01	PRINT Mailing Labels
SPNPRT02	PRINT Patient Listing
SPNPRT03	PRINT Patient Listing (state,county)
SPNPRT04	PRINT New SCD/SCI Registrant
SPNPRT05	PRINT Possible New SCD/SCI Registrant
SPNPRT06	PRINT Follow-Up rehab Not viewed
SPNPRT07	PRINT Possible Reg. Based on D/C
SPNPRT08	PRINT Outcomes, Chart, FAM, and MS Prints
SPNPRT09	PRINT Application for Disp.
SPNPRTAF	PRINT ADHOC FUNCTIONAL STATUS
SPNPRTAR	PRINT ADHOC REGISTRY
SPNPRTAU	Automatic questions
SPNPRTMT	Master Search Program
SPNPRTSR	Selective search questions
SPNPRTUP	Up front questions
SPNPSR00	HUNT: UTILITIES
SPNPSR01	HUNT: AGE
SPNPSR02	HUNT: SEX
SPNPSR03	HUNT: RACE
SPNPSR04	HUNT: VITAL STATUS
SPNPSR05	HUNT: HOURS OF HELP NEEDED
SPNPSR06	HUNT: GEOGRAPHICAL AREA
SPNPSR07	HUNT: SERVICE CONNECTION
SPNPSR08	HUNT: NEUROLOGICAL LEVEL OF INJURY
SPNPSR09	HUNT: DIAGNOSIS
SPNPSR10	HUNT: WALK/WHEELCHAIR
SPNPSR11	HUNT: IMPAIRMENTS
SPNPSR12	HUNT: REGISTRATION STATUS
SPNPSR13	HUNT: IN/OUT PATIENT VISIT
SPNPSR14	HUNT: FEE BASIS
SPNPSR15	HUNT: CHANGE IN TOTAL FIM SCORE
SPNPSR16	HUNT: TYPE OF CAUSE
SPNPSR17	HUNT: PROSTHETICS CLASS
SPNPSR18	HUNT: MEDICATION SEARCH
SPNPSR19	HUNT: X-RAY/RADIOLOGY SEARCH
SPNPSR20	HUNT LAB TEST
SPNPSR21	HUNT: STATE,COUNTY
SPNPSR22	HUNT: SCI NETWORK
SPNPSR23	HUNT: SCD REGISTRATION
SPNPSR24	HUNT: TRAUMATIC/DISABILITY
SPNPSR25	HUNT: TRAUMATIC/DISABILITY
SPNUTL0	GENERIC FILE ENTRY SELECTOR
SPNUTL1	REGISTRY/FIM DELETE

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File List

File#	Name	Function
154	SCD (SPINAL CORD) REGISTRY	<p>This is the local registry file for SCD. It contains the main data for a SCD patient. Records may be removed from this file using the option, Delete Registry Record [SPNL REGISTRY DELETE].</p> <p>This file points to the Patient file because a patient must exist in the Patient file in order for an entry to be made in this file. The IEN for a patient in this file will be the same as the IEN in the Patient file because the pointer number is used as the IEN in the this file.</p>
154.01	SCD NLOI CATEGORY	<p>This file contains all the codes and descriptions of these codes for all neurologic level of injuries. This file comes with data and cannot be edited.</p>
154.02	*SCD ETIOLOGY CATEGORY	<p>Starred for deletion.</p>
154.03	ETIOLOGY	<p>This file contains the descriptions and codes for all etiology categories. This file contains etiology categories for both traumatic and disease types. Field .02 (Type of Cause) is used to determine whether the Description and Code Within Type of Cause for an entry is a traumatic etiology or a disease etiology entry. For example, code 01 could be, Auto Accident or Poliomyelitis, but the 'T' in field .02 makes it a traumatic etiology, so it is an Auto Accident. This file comes with data. The Synonym field can be edited via the option</p>

		Enter/Edit Etiology Synonym.
154.1	FUNCTIONAL STATUS	This file contains data on a patient's functional status. A patient may have multiple records. Records may be removed from this file using the option Delete Functional Status Record [SPNF FIM DELETE].
154.11	FUNCTIONAL STATUS LEVEL	This file contains the response levels for the Self Reported Functional Measure and Clinician Reported FIM and FAM. This file comes with data.
154.2	SCD KURTZKE-EDSS	This file contains Kurtzke-EDSS scores, descriptions, and references. It comes with data and cannot be edited.
154.8	AD HOC MACRO	This file contains the print and sort macros generated by the Ad Hoc report mechanism. The records in this file should be accessed only through the Ad Hoc report options.
154.9	PATIENT TRANSMISSION STATUS	This file records the last period, by individual, for which data was transmitted to the National SCD Registry.
154.91	SCD SITE PARAMETERS	This file contains control values that regulate the operation of the SCD data extraction for the National SCD Registry. This file is critical to that operation. If no site parameter record is present, default values will automatically be used and will update the file. If specific fields are blank/null default values will be used to update this file.
154.92	SCD FILTER	This file contains the external

names of the report filters. It also contains MUMPS code which represents entry points into the filter routines. The Filter Criteria Parameters field contains the entry point to interactively prompt the user for the data needed by the search variable. The Filter Criteria Test field contains the entry point to test the SCD patient records for inclusion in the search variable reports.

154.93 CURRENT TRANSMISSION CYCLE

This file is maintained by routines SPNLS and SPNLS1. Its purpose is to keep track of some statistical information about the extract for the National SCD Registry. It also provides some control features for the data extract e.g., where in the local registry did it stop last time it ran.

154.94 TRANSMISSION CYCLE HISTORY

This file contains the historical information about the transmission cycles that have completed. Fields match the fields in file 154.93.

Exported Options

Spinal Cord Dysfunction

SCD Coordinator Menu ...

- Registration / Functional Status / Clinical Menu ...

 - Clinical Information

 - Functional Information

 - Registration and Health Care Information

SCD Reports Menu ...

- Applications for Inpatient Care

- SCI/SCD Discharges

- Filtered Reports ...

 - SCD Ad Hoc Reports ...

 - SCD Ad hoc report for Functional Measures

 - SCD Ad hoc report for Registry

 - Breakdown of Patients

 - Current Inpatients

 - Clinical Functional Measures

 - Follow-Up (Last Physical Exam)

 - Follow-Up (Last Seen)

 - Health Summary

 - Inpatient/Outpatient Activity

 - Inpatient/Outpatient Activity (Specific)

 - New SCI/SCD Patients

 - Mailing Labels

 - MS (Kurtzke) Measures

 - Outcomes

 - Patient Listing

 - Patient Listing (Sort by State and County)

 - Registrant General Report

 - Registrant Injury Report

 - Self Reported Functional Measures

 - Utilization Reports ...

 - Laboratory Utilization

 - Laboratory Utilization (Specific)

 - Pharmacy Utilization

 - Pharmacy Utilization (Specific)

 - Radiology Utilization

 - Functional Status Scores

 - Patient Summary Report

SCD Package Management Menu ...

- Edit Site Parameters

Exported Options

Re-Transmit All Data One Patient
Change National Registry Location
Activate an SCD Registrant
Delete Functional Status Record
Delete Registry Record
Enter/Edit Etiology SYNONYM
Inactivate an SCD Registrant
Next Scheduled Transmission

Archiving and Purging

ARCHIVING

There are no package-specific archiving procedures or recommendations for the SCD package.

The SCD package itself contains minimal data. The volumes of data it references are drawn from other packages (e.g., Laboratory, Pharmacy, Scheduling). The data for those packages should be archived/purged according to their associated regulations and guidance. Such archiving/purging does not affect the operation of the SCD package.

PURGING

There are two purging options exported with the SCD package, Delete Registry Record [SPNL REGISTRY DELETE] and Delete Functional Status Record [SPNF FIM DELETE]. It is imperative that data essential for the operation of the package be maintained. As noted under Archiving, purging of data referenced for SCD patients for other packages will not impact the operation of the SCD package.

Mail messages are generated during the transmission of data from local site registries to the National Registry. These are made available on the local system for informational purposes. They may be purged using the In Basket Purge option available under the Manage MailMan menu of the System Manager menu.

Callable Routines

There are no callable routines in the SCD package.

External Relations

PLATFORM REQUIREMENTS

The SCD package requires a standard DHCP/**VISTA** operating environment in order to function correctly.

Minimum requirements:

VA FileMan V. 21.0	Kernel V. 8.0
PIMS V. 5.3	Health Summary V. 2.5

Additional requirements in order to use all the possible functionality:

Lab V. 5.1	National Drug File V. 2.0
Unit Dose V. 2.13	Outpatient Pharmacy V. 6.0
DRG Grouper V. 10.0	Radiology/Nuclear Medicine V. 4.5

DATABASE INTEGRATION AGREEMENTS (DBIA)

Integration Reference #90-A

NAME:	DBIA90-A	ENTRY:	90
CUSTODIAL PACKAGE:	PHARMACY		Birmingham
SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE:	SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION		San Francisco
USAGE:	Controlled Subscription	APPROVED:	APPROVED
STATUS:	Active	EXPIRES:	
DURATION:	Till Otherwise Agreed	VERSION:	
FILE:	52	ROOT:	PSRX(
		TYPE:	File

Integration Reference #552

NAME:	DBIA90-B	ENTRY:	552
CUSTODIAL PACKAGE:	PHARMACY		Birmingham
SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE:	SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION		San Francisco
USAGE:	Controlled Subscription	APPROVED:	APPROVED
STATUS:	Active	EXPIRES:	
DURATION:	Till Otherwise Agreed	VERSION:	
FILE:	55	ROOT:	PS(55,

TYPE: File

Integration Reference #553

NAME:	DBIA90-C	ENTRY:	553
CUSTODIAL PACKAGE:	PHARMACY		Birmingham
SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE:	SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION		San Francisco
USAGE:	Controlled Subscription	APPROVED:	APPROVED
STATUS:	Active	EXPIRES:	
DURATION:	Till Otherwise Agreed	VERSION:	
FILE:	50	ROOT:	PSDRUG(
		TYPE:	File

Integration Reference #91

NAME:	DBIA91-A	ENTRY:	91
CUSTODIAL PACKAGE:	LAB SERVICE		Dallas
SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE:	SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION		San Francisco
USAGE:	Controlled Subscription	APPROVED:	APPROVED
STATUS:	Active	EXPIRES:	
DURATION:	Till Otherwise Agreed	VERSION:	
FILE:	60	ROOT:	LAB(60,
		TYPE:	File

Integration Reference #554

NAME:	DBIA91-B	ENTRY:	554
CUSTODIAL PACKAGE:	LAB SERVICE		Dallas
SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE:	SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION		San Francisco
USAGE:	Controlled Subscription	APPROVED:	APPROVED
STATUS:	Active	EXPIRES:	
DURATION:	Till Otherwise Agreed	VERSION:	
FILE:	63	ROOT:	LR(
		TYPE:	File

Integration Reference #555

NAME:	DBIA91-C	ENTRY:	555
CUSTODIAL PACKAGE:	LAB SERVICE		Dallas
SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE:	SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION		San Francisco
USAGE:	Controlled Subscription	APPROVED:	APPROVED
STATUS:	Active	EXPIRES:	

DURATION: Till Otherwise Agreed	VERSION:
FILE: 61	ROOT: LAB(61,
	TYPE: File

Integration Reference #92

NAME: DBIA92	ENTRY: 92
CUSTODIAL PACKAGE: DRG	Albany
SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE: SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION	San Francisco
USAGE: Controlled Subscription	APPROVED: APPROVED
STATUS: Active	EXPIRES:
DURATION: Till Otherwise Agreed	VERSION:
FILE: 45	ROOT: DGPT(
	TYPE: File

Integration Reference #93-A

NAME: DBIA93-A	ENTRY: 93
CUSTODIAL PACKAGE: SCHEDULING	Albany
SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE: SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION	San Francisco
USAGE: Controlled Subscription	APPROVED: APPROVED
STATUS: Active	EXPIRES:
DURATION: Till Otherwise Agreed	VERSION:
FILE: 44	ROOT: SC(
	TYPE: File

Integration Reference #556

NAME: DBIA93-B	ENTRY: 556
CUSTODIAL PACKAGE: SCHEDULING	Albany
SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE: SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION	San Francisco
USAGE: Controlled Subscription	APPROVED: APPROVED
STATUS: Active	EXPIRES:
DURATION: Till Otherwise Agreed	VERSION:
FILE: 409.5	ROOT: SDV(
	TYPE: File

Integration Reference #557

NAME: DBIA93-C	ENTRY: 557
CUSTODIAL PACKAGE: SCHEDULING	Albany
SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE: SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION	San Francisco

USAGE:	Controlled Subscription	APPROVED:	APPROVED
STATUS:	Active	EXPIRES:	
DURATION:	Till Otherwise Agreed	VERSION:	
FILE:	40.7	ROOT:	DIC(40.7,
		TYPE:	File

Integration Reference #117

NAME:	DBIA117	ENTRY:	117
CUSTODIAL PACKAGE:	INPATIENT MEDICATIONS		Birmingham
SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE:	SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION		San Francisco
USAGE:	Controlled Subscription	APPROVED:	APPROVED
STATUS:	Active	EXPIRES:	
DURATION:	Till Otherwise Agreed	VERSION:	
FILE:	55	ROOT:	PS(55,
		TYPE:	File

Integration Reference #118-A

NAME:	DBIA118-A	ENTRY:	118
CUSTODIAL PACKAGE:	RADIOLOGY		Chicago
SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE:	SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION		San Francisco
USAGE:	Controlled Subscription	APPROVED:	APPROVED
STATUS:	Active	EXPIRES:	
DURATION:	Till Otherwise Agreed	VERSION:	
FILE:	70	ROOT:	RADPT(
		TYPE:	File

Integration Reference #586

NAME:	DBIA118-B	ENTRY:	586
CUSTODIAL PACKAGE:	RADIOLOGY		Chicago
SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE:	SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION		San Francisco
USAGE:	Controlled Subscription	APPROVED:	APPROVED
STATUS:	Active	EXPIRES:	
DURATION:	Till Otherwise Agreed	VERSION:	
FILE:	71	ROOT:	RAMIS(71,
		TYPE:	File

Integration Reference #587

NAME:	DBIA118-C	ENTRY:	587
CUSTODIAL PACKAGE:	RADIOLOGY		Chicago
SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE:	SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION		San Francisco
USAGE:	Controlled Subscription	APPROVED:	APPROVED
STATUS:	Active	EXPIRES:	
DURATION:	Till Otherwise Agreed	VERSION:	
FILE:	71.2	ROOT:	RAMIS(71.2,
		TYPE:	File

Integration Reference #996

NAME:	DBIA118-D	ENTRY:	996
CUSTODIAL PACKAGE:	RADIOLOGY		Chicago
SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE:	SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION		San Francisco
USAGE:	Controlled Subscription	APPROVED:	APPROVED
STATUS:	Active	EXPIRES:	
DURATION:	Next Version	VERSION:	Radiology 4
FILE:	72	ROOT:	RA(72,
		TYPE:	File

Integration Reference #938

NAME:	DBIA938	ENTRY:	938
CUSTODIAL PACKAGE:	HEALTH SUMMARY		Salt Lake City
SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE:	SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION		San Francisco
USAGE:	Private	APPROVED:	APPROVED
STATUS:	Active	EXPIRES:	
DURATION:	Till Otherwise Agreed	VERSION:	
		TYPE:	Routine ^GMTSDVR

Integration Reference #939

NAME:	DBIA939	ENTRY:	939
CUSTODIAL PACKAGE:	HEALTH SUMMARY		Salt Lake City
SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE:	SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION		San Francisco
USAGE:	Private	APPROVED:	APPROVED
STATUS:	Active	EXPIRES:	
DURATION:	Till Otherwise Agreed	VERSION:	
FILE:	142	ROOT:	GMTS(142,
		TYPE:	File

Integration Reference #984

NAME:	MED ROUTES	ENTRY:	984
CUSTODIAL PACKAGE:	PHARMACY		Birmingham
SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE:	SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION		San Francisco
USAGE:	Controlled Subscription	APPROVED:	
STATUS:	Pending	EXPIRES:	
DURATION:		VERSION:	
FILE:	51.2	ROOT:	PS(51.2,
		TYPE:	File

Integration Reference #985

NAME:	RX PATIENT STATUS	ENTRY:	985
CUSTODIAL PACKAGE:	PHARMACY		Birmingham
SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE:	SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION		San Francisco
USAGE:	Controlled Subscription	APPROVED:	
STATUS:	Pending	EXPIRES:	
DURATION:		VERSION:	
FILE:	53	ROOT:	PS(53,
		TYPE:	File

Integration Reference #997

NAME:	DBIA997	ENTRY:	997
CUSTODIAL PACKAGE:	REGISTRATION		Albany
SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE:	SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION		San Francisco
USAGE:	Controlled Subscription	APPROVED:	APPROVED
STATUS:	Active	EXPIRES:	
DURATION:	Till Otherwise Agreed	VERSION:	
FILE:	42.4	ROOT:	DIC(42.4
		TYPE:	File

Integration Reference #998

NAME:	DBIA998	ENTRY:	998
CUSTODIAL PACKAGE:	REGISTRATION		Albany
SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE:	SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION		San Francisco
USAGE:	Controlled Subscription	APPROVED:	APPROVED
STATUS:	Active	EXPIRES:	
DURATION:	Till Otherwise Agreed	VERSION:	
FILE:	2	ROOT:	DPT(
		TYPE:	File

Internal Relations

The options in this package may be invoked independently and tailored to the users' needs.

Package-wide Variables

The Spinal Cord Dysfunction package contains no package-wide variables.

How to Generate On-line Documentation

On-line documentation about the SCD package may be obtained in a number of ways:

RETRIEVING ON-LINE HELP USING QUESTION MARKS

The use of question marks at the file and field level is described in the VA FileMan Technical Manual. The use of question marks within the menu system will invoke help about options and menus. One question mark at the top-level menu prompt will display the items available on the menu. Two question marks will show the Common Menu available to all users as well as any secondary menu options for the current user. Locked options are displayed if the user holds the key. Three question marks displays descriptions of the options from the Option file. Four question marks displays a help frame if one has been associated with this option in the Option file. A question mark followed by the name of an option on the current menu will display a help frame if one has been named for that option in the Option file.

PRINT OPTION FILE

The Print Option file, in the Kernel's Menu Management menu, will display a list of namespaced options associated with the SCD package. Other namespaced entries may also be retrieved from the Print, Input, and Sort Template files, and the Security Key, Function, Bulletin, and Help Frame files.

LIST FILE ATTRIBUTES

This VA FileMan option allows the user to generate documentation pertaining to files and file structure. Utilization of this option via the "Standard" format will yield the following data dictionary information for a specified file(s): file name and description, identifiers, cross-references, files pointed to by the file specified, files which point to the file specified, input templates, print templates, and sort templates. In addition, the following applicable data is supplied for each field in the file: field name, number, title, global location, description, help prompt, cross-reference(s), input transform, date last edited, and notes.

Using the Global Map format of this option generates an output which lists all cross-references for the file selected, global location of each field in the file, input templates, print templates, and sort templates.

INQUIRE TO OPTION FILE

The Menu Management Inquire option provides the following information about a specified option: option name, menu text, option description, type of option, and lock, if any. Menu items will be shown for any menu type option. In addition to the fields listed, any other field containing data will be shown.

To secure information about Spinal Cord Dysfunction options, the user must specify the name or namespace of the option(s) desired, i.e., SPN.

Glossary

ABBREVIATED RESPONSE	This feature allows you to enter data by typing only the first few characters for the desired response. This feature will not work unless the information is already stored in the computer.
ACCESS CODE	A code that allows the computer to identify you as a user authorized to gain access to the computer. Your code is greater than six and less than twenty characters long. It can be numeric, alphabetic, or a combination of both, and is usually assigned by a site manager or application coordinator. (See the term verify code in the Glossary.)
ADPAC	A utomated D ata P rocessing A pplication C oordinator
APPLICATION COORDINATOR	Designated individuals responsible for user-level management and maintenance of an application package such as IFCAP, Lab, Pharmacy, Mental Health, etc.
AUTO-MENU	An indication to Menu Manager that the current user's menu items should be displayed automatically. When auto-menu is not in effect, the user must enter a question mark at the menu's select prompt to see the list of menu items.
CARET	A symbol expressed as up caret (^), left caret (<), or right caret (>). In many M systems, a right caret is used as a system prompt and an up caret as an exiting tool from an option. Also known as the up-arrow symbol or shift-6 key.
COMMAND	A combination of characters that instruct the computer to perform a specific operation.
COMMON MENU	Options that are available to all users. Entering two question marks at the menu's select prompt displays any secondary menu options available to the signed-on user, along with the common options available to all users.

CONTROL KEY	<p>The Control Key (Ctrl on the keyboard) performs a specific function in conjunction with another key. In word-processing, for example, holding down the Ctrl key and typing an A causes a new set of margins and tab settings to occur; Ctrl-S causes printing on the terminal screen to stop; Ctrl-Q restarts printing on the terminal screen; Ctrl-U deletes an entire line of data entry <u>before</u> the Return key is pressed.</p>
CROSS REFERENCE	<p>An indexing method whereby files can include pre-sorted lists of entries as part of the stored database. Cross references (x-refs) facilitate look-up and reporting.</p> <p>A file may be cross referenced to provide direct access to its entries in several ways. For example, VA FileMan allows the Patient file to be cross referenced by name, social security number, and bed number. When VA FileMan asks for a patient, the user may then respond with either the patient's name, social security number, or his bed number. A cross reference speeds up access to the file, both for looking up entries and for printing reports.</p> <p>A cross reference is also referred to as an index or cross index.</p>
CURSOR	<p>A flashing image on your screen (generally a horizontal line or rectangle) that alerts you that the computer is waiting for you to make a response to an instruction (prompt).</p>
DATA	<p>A representation of facts, concepts, or instructions in a formalized manner for communication, interpretation, or processing by humans or by automatic means. The information you enter for the computer to store and retrieve. Characters that are stored in the computer system as the values of local or global variables. VA FileMan fields hold data values for file entries.</p>
DATA ATTRIBUTE	<p>A characteristic of a unit of data such as length, value, or method of representation. VA FileMan field definitions specify data attributes.</p>

DATA DICTIONARY	<p>The Data Dictionary is a global containing a description of what kind of data is stored in the global corresponding to a particular file. The data is used internally by FileMan for interpreting and processing files.</p> <p>A Data Dictionary (DD) contains the definitions of a file's elements (fields or data attributes), relationships to other files, and structure or design. Users generally review the definitions of a file's elements or data attributes; programmers review the definitions of a file's internal structure.</p>
DATA DICTIONARY ACCESS	A user's authorization to write/update/edit the data definition for a computer file. Also known as DD Access .
DATA DICTIONARY LISTING	This is the printable report that shows the data dictionary. DDs are used by users and programmers.
DATA PROCESSING	Logical and arithmetic operations performed on data. These operations may be performed manually, mechanically, or electronically: sorting through a card file by hand would be an example of the first method; using a machine to obtain cards from a file would be an example of the second method; and using a computer to access a record in a file would be an example of the third method.
DATABASE	A set of data, consisting of at least one file, that is sufficient for a given purpose. The DHCP/ VISTA database is composed of a number of VA FileMan files. A collection of data about a specific subject, such as the PATIENT file. A data collection has different data fields (e.g., patient name, SSN, Date of Birth, and so on). An organized collection of data about a particular topic.
DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	A collection of software that handles the storage, retrieval, and updating of records in a database. A Database Management System (DBMS) controls redundancy of records and provides the security, integrity, and data independence of a database.
DATABASE, NATIONAL	A database which contains data collected or entered for all VHA sites.

DBA	D atabase A dministrator, oversees package development with respect to DHCP/ VISTA Standards and Conventions (SAC) such as namespacing. Also, this term refers to the D atabase A dministration function and staff.
DBIA	D atabase I ntegration A greement, a formal understanding between two or more DHCP packages which describes how data is shared or how packages interact. The DBA maintains a list of DBIAs.
DBIC	D atabase I ntegration C ommittee. Within the purview of the DBA, the committee maintains a list of DBIC approved callable entry points and publishes the list on FORUM for reference by application programmers and verifiers.
DEBUG	To correct logic errors or syntax errors or both types in a computer program. To remove errors from a program.
DEFAULT	A response the computer considers the most probable answer to the prompt being given. It is identified by double slash marks (//) immediately following it. This allows you the option of accepting the default answer or entering your own answer. To accept the default you simply press the enter (or return) key. To change the default answer, type in your response.
DELETE	The key on your keyboard (may also be called rubout or backspace on some terminals) which allows you to delete individual characters working backwards by placing the cursor immediately after the last character of the string of characters you wish to delete. The @ sign (uppercase of the 2 key) may also be used to delete a file entry or data attribute value. The computer asks "Are you sure you want to delete this entry?" to insure you do not delete an entry by mistake.
DELIMITER	A special character used to separate a field, record or string. VA FileMan uses the ^ character as the delimiter within strings.

DEVICE	A peripheral connected to the host computer, such as a printer, terminal, disk drive, modem, and other types of hardware and equipment associated with a computer. The host files of underlying operating systems may be treated like devices in that they may be written to (e.g., for spooling).
DICTIONARY	A database of specifications of data and information processing resources. VA FileMan's database of data dictionaries is stored in the FILE of files (#1).
DISK	The media used in a disk drive for storing data.
DISK DRIVE	A peripheral device that can be used to "read" and "write" on a hard or floppy disk.
DOUBLE QUOTE (")	A symbol used in front of a Common option's menu text or synonym to select it from the Common menu. For example, the five character string "TBOX" selects the User's Toolbox Common option.
DSCC	D ocumentation S tandards and C onventions C ommittee. Package documentation is reviewed in terms of standards set by this committee.
DUZ	A local variable holding the user number that identifies the signed-on user.
DUZ(0)	A local variable that holds the File Manager Access Code of the signed-on user.
ENCRYPTION	Scrambling data or messages with a cipher or code so that they are unreadable without a secret key. In some cases encryption algorithms are one directional, that is, they only encode and the resulting data cannot be unscrambled (e.g., access/verify codes).
ENTER	Pressing the return or enter key tells the computer to execute your instruction or command or to store the information you just entered.
ENTRY	A VA FileMan record. It is uniquely identified by an internal entry number (the .001 field) in a file.

ETIOLOGY	The study or theory of the factors that cause disease and the method of their introduction to the host. The cause(s) or origin of a disease or disorder.
EXTRACTOR	A specialized routine designed to scan data files and copy or summarize data for use by another process.
FIELD	In a record, a specified area used for the value of a data attribute. The data specifications of each VA FileMan field are documented in the file's data dictionary. A field is similar to blanks on forms. It is preceded by words that tell you what information goes in that particular field. The blank, marked by the cursor on your terminal screen, is where you enter the information.
FILE	A set of related records treated as a unit. VA FileMan files maintain a count of the number of entries or records.
FILE MANAGER (VA FILEMAN)	The Database Management System (DBMS). The central component of the Kernel that defines the way standard DHCP/ VISTA files are structured and manipulated.
FOIA	The F reedom O f I nformation A ct. Under the provisions of this public law, software developed within the VA is made available to other institutions, or the general public, at a nominal cost.
FORCED QUEUING	A device attribute indicating that the device can only accept queued tasks. If a job is sent for foreground processing, the device rejects it and prompts the user to queue the task instead.
FREE TEXT	The use of any combination of numbers, letters, and symbols when entering data.
GLOBAL VARIABLE	A variable that is stored on disk (M usage).
GO-HOME JUMP	A menu jump that returns the user to the Primary menu presented at sign-on. It is specified by entering two up-arrows (^ ^) at the menu's select prompt. It resembles the rubber band jump but without an option specification after the up-arrows.

HARDWARE	The physical equipment pieces that make up the computer system (e.g., terminals, disk drives, central processing units). The physical components of a computer system.
HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT (HSR&D)	Established in 1973 to assist in the search for the most cost-effective approaches to delivering quality health care to the nation's veterans through the support of health services research studies.
HELP FRAMES	Entries in the HELP FRAME file that may be distributed with application packages to provide on-line documentation. Frames may be linked with other related frames to form a nested structure.
HELP PROMPT	The brief help that is available at the field level when entering one question mark.
HINQ	H ospital I N Q uiry. A system that permits medical centers to query the Veterans Benefits Administration systems via the VADATS network.
HIS	H ospital I nformation S ystems
ICD	I nternational C lassification of D iseases
IDCU	The I ntegrated D ata C ommunications U tility which is a wide area network used by VA for transmitting data between VA sites.
IFCAP	I ntegrated F unds Distribution, C ontrol Point Activity, A ccounting, and P rocurement
IHS	I ndian H ealth S ervice
IHS	I ntegrated H ospital S ystem
INPATIENT	A patient who has been admitted to a hospital in order to be treated for a particular condition.

KERNEL	A set of software routines that function as an intermediary between the host operating system and the application packages such as Laboratory, Pharmacy, IFCAP, etc. The Kernel provides a standard and consistent user and programmer interface between application packages and the underlying M implementation.
KEY	The purpose of Security Keys is to set a layer of protection on the range of computing capabilities available with a particular software package. The availability of options is based on the level of system access granted to each user.
KEYWORD	A word or phrase used to call up several codes from the reference files in the LOCAL LOOK-UP file. One specific code may be called up by several different keywords.
LAYGO ACCESS	A user's authorization to create a new entry when editing a computer file. (Learn As You GO allows you the ability to create new file entries.)
LINK	Non-specific term referring to ways in which files may be related (via pointer links). Files have links into other files.
LOG IN/ON	The process of gaining access to a computer system.
LOG OUT/OFF	The process of exiting from a computer system.
MAIL MESSAGE	An entry in the MESSAGE file. The DHCP electronic mail system (MailMan) supports local and remote networking of messages.
MAILMAN	An electronic mail system that allows you to send and receive messages from other users via the computer.
MANAGER ACCOUNT	A UCI that can be referenced by non-manager accounts such as production accounts. Like a library, the MGR UCI holds percent routines and globals (e.g., ^%ZOSF) for shared use by other UCIs.
MANDATORY FIELD	This is a field that requires a value. A null response is not valid.

MEDICAL CARE COST RECOVERY (MCCR)	A VA project to collect data from entities which owe payment to VA for care of patients. Also referred to by the acronym MCCR.
MENU	A list of choices for computing activity. A menu is a type of option designed to identify a series of items (other options) for presentation to the user for selection. When displayed, menu-type options are preceded by the word "Select" and followed by the word "option" as in Select Menu Management option: (the menu's select prompt).
MENU CYCLE	The process of first visiting a menu option by picking it from a menu's list of choices and then returning to the menu's select prompt. Menu Manager keeps track of information, such as the user's place in the menu trees, according to the completion of a cycle through the menu system.
MENU SYSTEM	The overall Menu Manager logic as it functions within the Kernel framework.
MENU TEMPLATE	An association of options as pathway specifications to reach one or more final destination options. The final options must be executable activities and not merely menus for the template to function. Any user may define user-specific menu templates via the corresponding Common option.
MENU TEXT	The descriptive words that appear when a list of option choices is displayed. Specifically, the Menu Text field of the OPTION file. For example, User's Toolbox is the menu text of the XUSERTOOLS option. The option's synonym is TBOX.
NATIONAL SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION (SCD) REGISTRY	This package consists of two major components: 1) a local registry for use within a VA health care facility, and 2) a National Registry reflecting the events of care for patients at all VA facilities.
NEUROLOGIC LEVEL	Pertains to the vertebra and specific area of the spine affected or impaired by a disease or injury (e.g., Cervical: C01–C08, Thoracic: T01–T12; Lumbar: L01–L05; Sacral: S01–S05).

NUMERIC FIELD	A response that is limited to a restricted number of digits. It can be dollar valued or a decimal figure of specified precision.
OPERATING SYSTEM	A basic program that runs on the computer, controls the peripherals, allocates computing time to each user, and communicates with terminals.
OPTION	An entry in the OPTION file. As an item on a menu, an option provides an opportunity for users to select it, thereby invoking the associated computing activity. Options may also be scheduled to run in the background, non-interactively, by TaskMan.
OPTION NAME	The Name field in the OPTION file (e.g., XUMAINT for the option that has the menu text “Menu Management”). Options are namespaced according to DHCP conventions monitored by the DBA.
OUTPATIENT	A patient who comes to the hospital, clinic, or dispensary for diagnosis and/or treatment but does not occupy a bed.
PACKAGE	The set of programs, files, documentation, help prompts, and installation procedures required for a given software application.
PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA (PVA)	A congressionally chartered veterans service organization founded following World War II, has developed a unique expertise in a wide variety of issues involving the needs of its members—veterans of the armed forces who have experienced spinal cord injury or dysfunction.
PASSWORD	A user’s secret sequence of keyboard characters, which must be entered at the beginning of each computer session to provide the user’s identity.
PERIPHERAL DEVICE	Any hardware device other than the computer itself (central processing unit plus internal memory). Typical examples include card readers, printers, CRT units, and disk drives.
PHANTOM JUMP	Menu jumping in the background. Used by the menu system to check menu pathway restrictions.

POINTER	A relationship between two VA FileMan files, a pointer is a file entry that references another file (forward or backward).
PRIMARY MENUS	The list of options presented at sign-on. Each user must have a primary menu in order to sign-on and reach Menu Manager. Users are given primary menus by IRM. This menu should include most of the computing activities the user needs.
PRINTER	A printing or hard copy terminal.
PRODUCTION ACCOUNT	The UCI where users log on and carry out their work, as opposed to the manager or library account.
PROGRAM	A list of instructions written in a programming language and used for computer operations.
PROMPT	The computer interacts with the user by issuing questions called prompts, to which the user issues a response.
PVA	Paralyzed Veterans of America —a congressionally chartered veterans service organization founded following World War II, has developed a unique expertise in a wide variety of issues involving the needs of its members—veterans of the armed forces who have experienced spinal cord injury or dysfunction.
QUEUEING	Requesting that a job be processed in the background rather than in the foreground within the current session. Jobs are processed sequentially (first-in, first-out). The Kernel's Task Manager handles the queueing of tasks.
QUEUEING REQUIRED	An option attribute that specifies that the option must be processed by TaskMan (the option can only be queued). The option may be invoked and the job prepared for processing, but the output can only be generated during the specified time periods.
READ ACCESS	A user's authorization to read information stored in a computer file.

RECORD	A set of related data treated as a unit. An entry in a VA FileMan file constitutes a record. A collection of data items that refer to a specific entity (e.g., in a name-address-phone number file, each record would contain a collection of data relating to one person).
RESOURCE	Sequential processing of tasks can be controlled through the use of resources. Resources are entries in the DEVICE file which must be allocated to a process(es) before that process can continue.
RETURN	On the computer keyboard, the key located where the carriage return is on an electric typewriter. It is used in to terminate "reads." Symbolized by <RET>.
SCHEDULING OPTIONS	This is a technique of requesting that TaskMan run an option at a given time, perhaps with a given rescheduling frequency.
SCI	Spinal Cord Injury
SCI CENTERS	First established in 1946, these centers coordinate and administer the long-term care and treatment of spinal cord injured veterans.
SCI COORDINATOR	A social worker who identifies SCI patients, evaluates their socioeconomic status and advises them on eligibility criteria for VA benefits. SCI coordinators and other field personnel are the primary users of the local registries.
SCI PATIENTS	Patients whose spinal cord has been impaired due to trauma.
SCREEN	A CRT, monitor or video display terminal
SECONDARY MENUS	Options assigned to individual users to tailor their menu choices. If a user needs a few options in addition to those available on the Primary menu, the options can be assigned as secondary options. To facilitate menu jumping, secondary menus should be specific activities, not elaborate and deep menu trees.

SECURITY KEY	The purpose of Security Keys is to set a layer of protection on the range of computing capabilities available with a particular software package. The availability of options is based on the level of system access granted to each user.
SERVER	An entry in the OPTION file. An automated mail protocol that is activated by sending a message to a server at another location with the "S.server" syntax. This activity is specified in the OPTION file.
SET OF CODES	Usually a preset code with one or two characters. The computer may require capital letters as a response (e.g., M for male and F for female). If anything other than the acceptable code is entered, the computer rejects the response.
SIGN-ON/SECURITY	The Kernel module that regulates access to the menu system. It performs a number of checks to determine whether access can be permitted at a particular time. A log of sign-ons is maintained.
SITE MANAGER/ IRM CHIEF	At each site, the individual who is responsible for managing computer systems, installing and maintaining new modules.
SPACEBAR RETURN	You can answer a VA FileMan prompt by pressing the spacebar and then the Return key. This indicates to VA FileMan that you would like the last response you were working on at that prompt recalled.
SPECIAL QUEUING	An option attribute indicating that TaskMan should automatically run the option whenever the system reboots.
SPECIALTY	The particular subject area or branch of medical science to which one devotes professional attention.
SPINAL CORD DYSFUNCTION (SCD)	Specified diseases and conditions that result in an impairment or abnormality of the spinal cord and/or cauda equina. Specified list includes conditions of both traumatic and nontraumatic etiology.

SPINAL CORD INJURY (SCI)	Damage to the spinal cord as a result of a traumatic incident. Trauma is a sudden external force which damages the spinal cord. This includes surgical trauma (i.e., which is both sudden and external) but excludes sudden damage to the vertebrae caused by disease (i.e., the disease process is not sudden). If both traumatic and non traumatic causes are present, classify as traumatic.
SPOOLER	<p>Spooling (under any system) provides an intermediate storage location for files (or program output) for printing at a later time.</p> <p>In the case of DHCP, the Kernel manages spooling so that the underlying OS mechanism is transparent. The Kernel subsequently transfers the text to the ^XMBS global for despooling (printing).</p>
STOP CODE	A number (i.e., a subject area indicator) assigned to the various clinical, diagnostic, and therapeutic sections of a facility for reporting purposes. For example, all outpatient services within a given area (e.g., Infectious Disease, Neurology, and Mental Hygiene—Group) would be reported to the same clinic stop code.
SYNONYM	A field in the OPTION file. Options may be selected by their menu text or synonym (see Menu Text).
TASKMAN	The Kernel module that schedules and processes background tasks (also called Task Manager).
TEMPLATE	A means of storing report formats, data entry formats, and sorted entry sequences. A template is a permanent place to store selected fields for use at a later time. Edit sequences are stored in the INPUT TEMPLATE file, print specifications are stored in the PRINT TEMPLATE file, and search or sort specifications are stored in the SORT TEMPLATE file.
TERMINAL	May be either a printer or CRT/monitor/video display terminal.
TIMED-READ	The amount of time a READ command waits for a user response before it times out.

TREE STRUCTURE	A term sometimes used to describe the structure of an M array. This has the same structure as a family tree, with the root at the top and ancestor nodes arranged below according to their depth of subscripting. All nodes with one subscript are at the first level, all nodes with two subscripts at the second level, and so on.
TRIGGER	A type of VA FileMan cross reference. Often used to update values in the database given certain conditions (as specified in the trigger logic). For example, whenever an entry is made in a file, a trigger could automatically enter the current date into another field holding the creation date.
TYPE-AHEAD	A buffer used to store characters that are entered before the corresponding prompt appears. Type-ahead is a shortcut for experienced users who can anticipate an expected sequence of prompts.
UP-ARROW JUMP	In the menu system, entering an up-arrow (^) followed by an option name accomplishes a jump to the target option without needing to take the usual steps through the menu pathway.
USER ACCESS	<p>This term is used to refer to a limited level of access, to a computer system, which is sufficient for using/operating a package, but does not allow programming, modification to data dictionaries, or other operations that require programmer access. Any option, for example, can be locked with the key XUPROGMODE, which means that invoking that option requires programmer access.</p> <p>The user's access level determines the degree of computer use and the types of computer programs available. The Systems Manager assigns the user an access level.</p>
USER INTERFACE	The way the package is presented to the user—issuing of prompts, help messages, menu choices, etc. A standard user interface can be achieved by using VA FileMan for data manipulation, the menu system to provide option choices, and VA FileMan's Reader, the ^DIR utility, to present interactive dialogue.
VA	The Department of V eterans A ffairs, formerly called the V eterans A dministration.

VA FILEMAN	A set of programs used to enter, maintain, access, and manipulate a database management system consisting of files. A package of on-line computer routines written in the M language which can be used as a stand-alone database system or as a set of application utilities. In either form, such routines can be used to define, enter, edit, and retrieve information from a set of computer stored files.
VERIFY CODE (SEE PASSWORD)	An additional security precaution used in conjunction with the Access Code. Like the Access Code, it is also 6 to 20 characters in length and, if entered incorrectly, will not allow the user to access the computer. To protect the user, both codes are invisible on the terminal screen.
VISTA	Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture.



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This manual is designed to provide technical information for use in the maintenance and security of the software. It is intended for technical computer personnel, site ADP security officers, and package coordinators (ADPACs) and not designed for use by the typical end user.

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